



## March 6, 2020 Public Update

### Situation Overview

KDHE continues to closely monitor an outbreak of a respiratory illness caused by a novel coronavirus named coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The outbreak first started in Wuhan, China, but cases have been identified around the world including in the United States. The first case in the United States was announced January 21, 2020. As of 4:30 p.m. on March 6, Kansas currently has no confirmed cases of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus and two persons currently under investigation (PUI). Eleven previous PUIs have tested negative for COVID-19. State health officials continue to work with CDC and other health agencies to learn more about this virus.

### KDHE Response Activities

- The Kansas Health and Environmental Laboratories (KHEL) remains ready to test with the CDC/FDA-authorized Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) kits. At this point, KHEL has adequate capacity to support the needs of Kansas.
- KDHE has created a toolkit of Kansas-specific guidance to help local public health departments engage with their community partners on COVID-19 planning. It can be found on the KDHE website: [www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus](http://www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus). New information is added daily.
- KDHE has a phone-bank operation that is staffed during regular business hours through March 13. The phone number is **1-866-534-3463** (1-866-KDHEINF).
- KDHE also has an email address for general inquiries, [COVID-19@ks.gov](mailto:COVID-19@ks.gov).

### For More Information:

- Please visit our tool kit and Frequently Asked Questions: [www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus](http://www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus).